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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**H-5629 HAS BEEN ADDED**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [6014](#)**

(Department of Health)

**BY Potter, Caldwell, Baginski, Edwards, Kislak, Morales**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE

MEDICAL EXAMINERS {LC2211/1} (Removes the sunset provision on the requirement that the office of state medical examiners be responsible for a multidisciplinary team review of drug related overdose deaths.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/22/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/26/2021 Scheduled for consideration

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5432](#)**

**BY Ackerman, Chippendale, Hawkins, Baginski, McNamara**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC514/1} (Insurance coverage for prostate/colon cancer screening.)

02/08/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [383 as amended](#)**

**BY Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Miller, Coyne**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES -- THE MARYELLEN GOODWIN COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING ACT {LC363/1} (Insurance coverage for prostate/colon cancer screening.)

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/18/2021 Committee recommends passage

03/19/2021 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/23/2021 Senate passed as amended (floor amendment)

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03/25/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5844](#)**

**BY Baginski, Casimiro, Bennett**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC2146/1} (Requires medical spas to employ or contract for the services of a licensed physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/12/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/15/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5849](#)**

**BY Casey, Kennedy, Solomon, Kazarian, Williams**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC441/1} (Requires insurance coverage for health care services provided by a naturopathic doctor licensed in this state.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/19/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5850](#)**

**BY Casey, Kennedy, Solomon, Kazarian, Williams**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE OF NATUROPATHY ACT {LC435/1} (Changes the name of doctor of naturopathy to naturopathic doctor and permit them to administer IVs, perform phlebotomy, and consult, but not change, patient's prescription medication.)

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/19/2021 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6015](#)**

**BY Price, Nardone, Quattrocchi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC1376/1} (Requires the mandatory immunization informed consent form contain certain relevant information.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/19/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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03/22/2021 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6019](#)**

**BY Fogarty, Amore, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ranglin-Vassell, Hull, Messier**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS**

**INSURANCE POLICIES {LC203/1}** (Requires insurance carriers, nonprofit hospital service plans, nonprofit medical service corporations and HMOs to cover costs of breast ultrasounds and/or MRI breast exams for person receiving notice of dense breast tissue.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6020](#)**

**BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Ruggiero, Williams, Solomon, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Donovan, Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY**

**RHODE ISLAND'S PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED**

**CONDITIONS (HAC) AND HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI) AND**

**PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ESTABLISH/CLARIFY THE STATE'S POLICY AND**

**PROCEDURES {LC1529/1}** (Creates a 9 member commission to study Rhode Island's payment

and reimbursement for (HAC) and (HAI) and provide recommendations for the state's policy and procedures, and would report back by January 5, 2022 and expire on March 5, 2022.)

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6047](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Felix, Cortvriend, Cassar, Kislak, Morales, Ajello, McGaw, Fogarty, Batista**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES**

**{LC1906/1}** (Authorizes a licensed pharmacist, who successfully completes a course on tobacco cessation therapy, to prescribe and dispense tobacco cessation drug products to a qualified patient pursuant to rules adopted by the board of pharmacy.)

03/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [6078](#)**

**BY McGaw, Cassar, Kislak, Morales, Potter, Felix, Ajello, Cortvriend, Henries, Donovan**

**ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES**

**CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING AN IMPROVED "MEDICARE FOR ALL" SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE UNIVERSAL,**

**COMPREHENSIVE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE {LC1007/1}**

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6079](#)**

**BY Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Barros, Diaz, Baginski, Tobon, McGaw**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – NONDISCRIMINATION IN ACCESS TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS AND ORGAN TRANSPLANT ACT (ISAAC'S LAW)

{LC2281/1} (Prohibits discrimination against a potential organ transplant recipient based solely on a physical or mental disability.)

03/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6129](#)**

**BY Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS {LC1553/1} (Authorizes a licensed physical therapist to perform physical therapy services to a student while in school without a prescription or referral, in accordance with the student's IEP or IFSP.)

03/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5629](#)**

**BY Ackerman, Shekarchi, Baginski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 911

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT {LC1581/1} (Establishes an emergency telephone system call review and quality improvement and would require at least one 911 system operator trained in telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation be on duty at all time.)

02/19/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/26/2021 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**The State House remains closed to in-person testimony.**

The meeting will be televised on Capitol Television, which can be seen on Cox Channels 15, and 61, in high definition on Cox Channel 1061, on Full Channel on Channel 15 and on Channel 34 by Verizon subscribers.

It will also be live streamed at <http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx> .

## **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

Written testimony is strongly encouraged and may be submitted via  
**HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov**

**Indicate your name, bill number, and viewpoint (for/against/neither) at top of message.**  
**Due to high volume, clerks are not screening this inbox for verbal testimony requests.**  
**This inbox is for written testimony only.**

DEADLINE: Written testimony should be submitted no later than three (3) hours prior to the posted meeting time. Every effort will be made to share written testimony submitted before the deadline with committee members prior to the hearing. Testimony received after deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website as soon as possible.

**For faster processing, it is recommended that testimony is submitted as a PDF file.**

**Testimony will be posted on the General Assembly website,**  
<http://www.rilegislature.gov/Special/comdoc/Pages/HHHS.aspx> .

## **VERBAL TESTIMONY**

Due to the extremely high volume of requests, and in order to accommodate as many constituents as possible, please take note of the revised procedure for verbal testimony:

**\*DEADLINE: Requests for verbal testimony must be submitted via the link, by 4:00 PM on Monday, March 29, 2021.**

For verbal testimony requests, [CLICK HERE](#)

Verbal testimony accepted on any bill scheduled for "Hearing and/or Consideration" only

The committee is unable to designate a specific time that you will be called. In the event you are unavailable when called, witnesses are urged to submit written testimony.

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